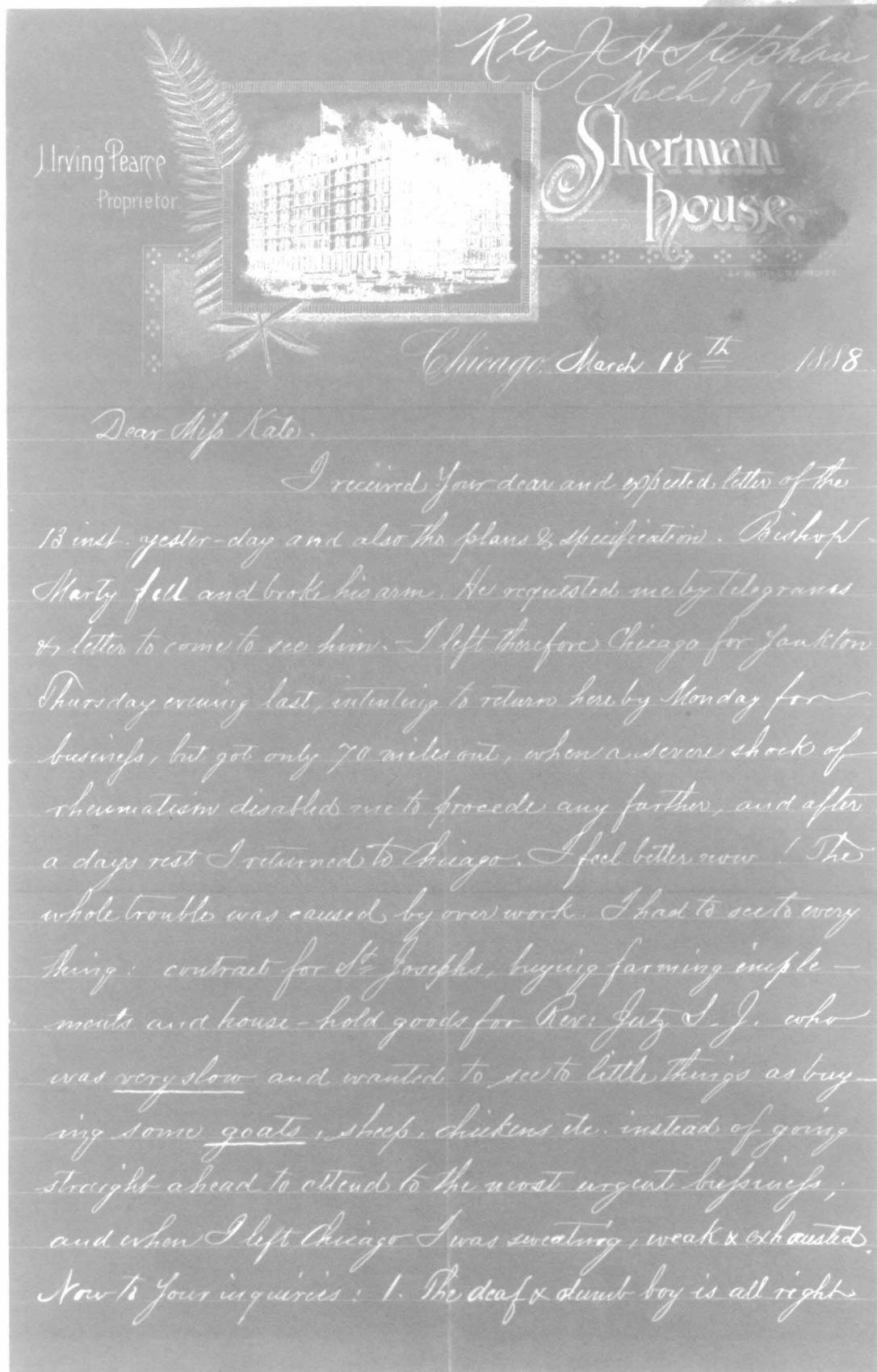


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2. I have ordered made at once a wooden cross, stone pedestal for the grave of Sister ^{Fr. a} Wilhelmina O. S. B. To be shipped to Highmore as soon as the body arrives from New York. The freight rates are down to nearly nothing on account of the R. R. fights in cutting rates.
3. no plans were sent to Very Rev. Ignatius O. S. B. for Purcell only what Rev. Willard left him last year. Let him send an estimate and then we will instruct him and substitute the proper plan you speak of.
4. Please let Mr. Burns make out his estimate & specification for a brick building at St. Josephs and a stone basement 8 feet high, which will answer for cellars, wash houses, laundry etc. and give us a great deal of additional room without much cost. The stones we can get within 4 miles of the place; No. one sandstones. The whole building in brick and stone basement will not exceed the cost of \$18000. complete. The contractor will give us the best of security for the punctual fulfillment of his contract. Mr. Burns shall especially calculate about the thickness of the brick & stone walls. — The frost does not go deeper than at Philadelphia. This is the basis of his calculations. —
5. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the holy Communion You promised to offer up for me on St. Josephs day. I shall offer my Mass for your dear Uncle Joe for his journey home! Something urges me to hurry back, what it is, I do not know yet. I will do so as soon as possible and will call at once on you. —

Please remember me to Your good Sisters and believe me to be, very gratefully Yours in the

Sacred Hearts of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph,
J. A. Stephan.